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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on June 22, 2001, Applicant hereby calls to the attention of the Examiner the following documents, which were cited in a Japanese Notice of Reason for Rejection dated January 14, 2003 for corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-99211:

(1) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 7--193664, published on July 28, 1995, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

(2) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 11-41385, published on February 12, 1999, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and

(3) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 9-238213, published on September 9, 1997, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

The relevance and pertinent portions of these documents are as noted on the attached copy of the Japanese Notice of Reason for Rejection, of which and English

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Language translation is also attached.

Applicant also calls the following document which was cited, but not applied, in the above-mentioned Japanese Notice of Reason for Rejection:

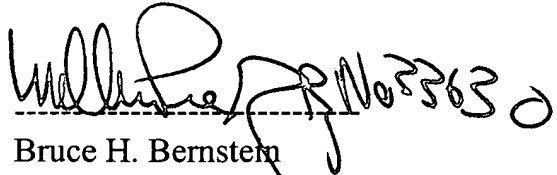
(4) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 11-27486, published on January 29, 1999, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

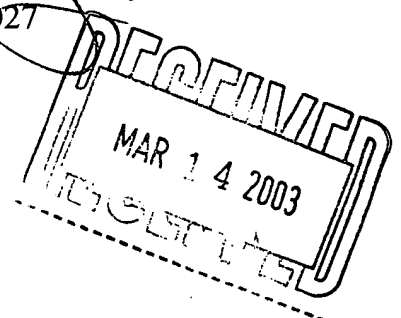
Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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